



Government of the District of Columbia
Adrian M. Fenty, Mayor



Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs
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*To submit your event or job announcements, complete the attached template and return it in the same format to oapia@dc.gov by **5:00 PM Monday**.*

All entries will be listed for one month or until the end date of the program/submission deadline. You may resubmit a listing if it has been removed.

**UPCOMING APIA COMMUNITY NEWS AND MEETINGS FROM
THE OFFICE ON ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AFFAIRS (OAPIA)**

Upcoming Events

OAPIA Events

Events	Organization	Contact	Date, Time & Location
<p>Complete your Census form! Click here to learn more about what OAPIA is doing for the Census! It is important for every District resident to participate in the 2010 Census. Taken every 10 years, the Census counts everyone residing in the District of Columbia and throughout the nation. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens. The Census affects the allocation of billions of dollars in government funding as well as political representation. It is in our hands to ensure the District has a complete and accurate 2010 Census.</p> <p>The 2010 Census is easy, safe, and important. The Census questionnaire asks only a few questions and only takes a few minutes to complete. The Census Bureau does not release or share information that identifies individual respondents. The Census does not ask for one's legal status or criminal history. The 2010 Census is safe and confidential.</p>	DC Census and OAPIA	Neel.saxena@dc.gov	Ongoing
<p>DC Mayor's Community Service Awards- The Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs of the District of Columbia seeks your help. As May is Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, we would like to recognize those unsung heroes who have demonstrated extraordinary dedication to serving Washington DC's API community.</p> <p>We invite you to nominate one individual or one organization who makes extraordinary contributions to the</p>	DC APIA Commission	DC Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs 441 4th St. NW, Suite 721 North Washington, DC 20001 Tel: (202) 727-3120 Fax: (202) 727-9655 Email: mable.kong@dc.gov	<p>Deadline: April 15, 2010</p> <p>Please submit all nominations by fax, mail, or email, by using this form as soon as possible and no later than COB Thursday, April 15, 2010.</p>

<p>API community. This contribution can be expressed through a variety of ways: volunteering, promoting awareness of API issues, or organizing projects that strive for the advancement of District APIs. While the organizations or individuals need not live in DC, their work must focus on the District's API community.</p> <p>The community leaders and organization chosen will be awarded the Community Service Award by Mayor Adrian M. Fenty at the Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month Celebration to be held in May.</p>			
<p>DOES Summer Youth Employment Program SYEP provides an array of summer enrichment experiences in industries such as Arts, Design and Media; Building and Grounds Maintenance; Government; Community and Social Services; Construction Trades; Education, Training and Library Science; Health Care Support; Hospitality and Tourism; Office and Administration Support; and Sports and Physical Education. This short-term employment and training program provides thousands of District youth, ages 14 to 21, with an opportunity to gain practical experience and be compensated. Youth participants are paid the federal minimum wage.</p>	<p>Department of Employment Services (DOES)</p>	<p>Click here to apply! DC Department of Employment Services Office of Youth Programs (202) 698-3492 or 311</p>	<p>Deadline: Mid April</p>
<p>Case Assistance Clinics - The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) will initiate Case Assistance Clinics. OAPIA will assist the District's Asian and Pacific Islander (API) individuals, families, and small business owners who have trouble navigating DC government services due to language barriers.</p> <p>The clinics will be held each Wednesday at OAPIA, and some Thursday's at locations easily accessible to the API community. Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean and Vietnamese interpretation will be available at all locations.</p>	<p>OAPIA</p>	<p>202-727-3120</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 7 1-4-pm Location: OAPIA 441 4th Street, NW Suite 721N</p>
<p>SAVE THE DATE! Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month Celebration!</p>	<p>OAPIA</p>		<p>Tuesday, May 18th, 2010</p>
<p>THE GREATER WASHINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS THE AGENDA FOR THE 2010 MOVING FORWARD BUSINESS EXPO THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH AT THE WALTER E. WASHINGTON CONVENTION CENTER</p> <p>The Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GWHCC) is ready for the Moving Forward Business Expo and is presenting the list of activities planned for this event. Simultaneous translation in Spanish will be provided and, in addition, all persons attending the Business Expo will have access to the International Franchise Expo.</p> <p>Registration for the event will start at 9:00 am, followed by the Opening/Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony at 10:00am. This</p>	<p>Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>Magda Cardenas - Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Email: mcardenas@gwhcc.org Phone: (202)728-0352</p>	<p>Saturday, April 10th</p> <p>Time: 9:00am-6pm</p> <p>Location: Walter E. Washington Convention Center 801 Mt. Vernon Place NW Washington, DC 20001</p> <p>To register for the Expo please click here</p>

<p>ceremony will be attended by several Councilmembers from the District of Columbia, including Chairman Vincent Gray, Kwame Brown (At-Large), Michael Brown (At-Large), Muriel Bowser (Ward 4) and Harry Thomas (Ward 5). The ceremony will also feature a special presentation by the Cub Scout Pack 54 Choir who will present the colors and sing the National Anthem. The children will be accompanied and directed by their Seaton School ESL Teacher and Cub master, Donna Sothern.</p> <p>The exhibition hall will open right after the Opening/Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony and will remain open until 6:00pm. The showroom will have wireless internet provided by Verizon Wireless, one of the expo sponsors. Other event sponsors include American Airlines, DC Counts Campaign, Lanigan, Ryan, Malcolm and Doyle, Small Business Administration, State Farm, FedEx Office and Washington Convention and Sports Authority. Media sponsors include El Pregonero, El Tiempo Latino, El Zol, ESPN Deportes, Viva 900 and Telemundo.</p>			
<p>Asian American LEAD's Service Day 2010 – Potomac River Watershed Cleanup</p> <p>Join AALEAD youth, staff, and volunteers for an organization-wide morning of service as we join forces with other agencies and volunteers around the region for the 22nd Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup.</p> <p>The first 25 participants to sign-up will receive an AALEAD t-shirt.</p>	<p>Asian American LEAD <i>Leadership, Empowerment and Development for youth and families.</i> www.aalead.org</p>	<p>Micah Shearer Phone: 202-884-0322 Ext 106 Fax: 202-884-0012 Email: mshearer@aalead.org</p>	<p>April 10, 2010</p> <p>Time: 09:00 AM – 12:00 PM</p>
<p>The Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP) needs YOU to help increase awareness about domestic violence. Join us for this FREE Community Outreach Volunteer Training! What does a Community Outreach Volunteer do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Help develop relationships with potential supporters such as community orgs, businesses, religious institutions, health centers, student groups, and media -Be involved in exciting new media projects, including using flip cameras for short films on website -Distribute and stock outreach materials in the community -Represent DVRP at events and meetings -Organize speaking engagements for DVRP with community groups -Assist with design and curriculum of outreach materials, such as brochures and workshops <p>What does the training entail?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Oppression, Privilege, and Violence Against Women in A/PI Communities -Domestic Violence/ Intimate Partner Violence 101 -Cultural Competency/Culturally and Linguistically 	<p>The Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP)</p>	<p>Please Contact: Amara Jade Community Outreach Director 202-464-4477 amara@dvrp.org</p>	<p>Saturday April 10</p> <p>Time: 9:30 am– 6:00 pm</p> <p>RSVP Deadline: March 30, 2010</p>

Appropriate Service Provision -Organizing and Outreach Skill building and Messaging 101			
Diabetes and Obesity Prevention Workshop Focuses on Chinatown Families Inspired by First Lady Michelle Obama, DC Health Coach and Mai Health Offer Instruction on Wellness and Nutrition. The DC Health Coach and Mai Health are offering a free diabetes and obesity prevention workshops for Chinatown youth and families. Chinatown families are facing the same the diabetes and obesity challenges as the rest of the U.S. This wellness program directly addresses the food and nutrition that are common in Chinese-American and Chinese immigrant homes. Planned events include a workshop for children to connect with whole foods and a workshop for the cooks of the family to learn about reducing highly refined and processed oils, fat, and sugar.	<p>Vincent Guang Hu drew inspiration from First Lady Michelle Obama to create this wellness program. Hu grew up in Chinatown and had many childhood illnesses related to poor diet. Hu is motivated by a dream of a healthy Chinatown community where every child has access to a healthy diet, organic food, and exercise. Visit http://www.dchealthcoach.com/ Meet Vincent to learn more about the DC Health Coach.</p> <p>Mai T. Joubert is the CEO & President of Mai Health Now LLC which provides health and diet counseling for individuals seeking consultation for detoxification, low energy, weight loss and beautification through nutritional counseling. Visit http://www.maihealthnow.com</p>	<p>RSVP: vincent@dchealthcoach.com, or call 301-793-42464</p>	<p>Saturday, April 10th 2010</p> <p>Time: 3 PM - 5 PM</p> <p>Location: Chinatown 616 H Street NW Suite 201, Washington DC</p>
<p>AAGEN Dinner Event with Guest Speaker: Stuart Ishimaru Acting Chairman The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Topic: Diversity Update from the EEOC</p>	<p>Asian American Government Executives Network (AAGEN)</p> <p>www.aagen.org</p>	<p>RSVP: Andy Manriquez andyman51@verizon.net</p> <p>For payment info visit: www.aagen.org</p>	<p>April 13, 2010</p> <p>Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</p> <p>China Garden, 1100 wilson Blvd, Arlington VA (Roslynn Metro Station)</p>
<p><u>APPING FOR A BANK LOAN</u></p> <p>What are the factors lenders consider when analyzing a bank loan package? Learn how to prepare a loan application, including required financial statements and business and operational plans. This workshop is for small business owners who are planning to approach a bank for a loan either to start a new business or to expand an existing one. Other topics will include credit scores and various types of collateral.</p>	<p>DC SBDC at the DC Chamber of Commerce Foundation</p>	<p>If any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Shannel Hicks at 202.545.0220 or via email at DCCCBRC@dcchamber.org</p>	<p>Thursday, April 15</p> <p>Time: 12:00-2:00pm</p> <p><u>Location</u> 1213 K Street Washington DC, 20005</p>
<p>AILA D.C. Chapter Citizenship Day, 2010</p>	<p>Washington DC Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers</p>	<p>Phone: Please call Sheila Starkey Hahn at (301) 299-</p>	<p>April 17th (10AM-2PM)</p>

<p>This work shop will provide assistance to residents of Washington, DC, Virginia and Maryland eligible for naturalization.</p> <p>Offered at four locations, Citizenship Day 2010 will be staffed by volunteer immigration attorneys, paralegals, interpreters and other community members who will prepare naturalization applications. Applicants will be able to consult with professionals and ensure that their documentation is complete.</p> <p>Each year, hundreds of thousands of immigrants, from all corners of the globe, embrace the ideals of freedom and democracy and become United States citizens.</p>	Association (AILA)	<p>7760 Email: sstarkey@mlsimmigration.com</p> <p>For more information please visit: ailaDCcitizenshipday2010.law.officelive.com</p>	<p>April 24th (10AM-2PM)</p> <p>Dates and venues: ailaDCcitizenshipday2010.law.officelive.com</p>
<p>Meet-up for Conversations Community Event Free monthly community networking event. Asians and non-Asians are welcomed (self-pay for lunch). This is an opportunity to meet business owners, community builders, consultants, bankers, etc.</p>	<p>Allies Building Community, Inc. (ABC) and Archway Network www.archway2.org</p>	<p>Diane Tai Phone: 202-338-4339 or 202-625-2244 Email: abcallies@gmail.com or organizer10@gmail.com</p> <p>RSVP: http://www.meetup.com/networking/ http://www.meetup.com/AsianAmericans/ http://www.meetup.com/ChineseAmericans/</p>	<p>On 3rd Sundays of month</p> <p>Next: April 18</p> <p>Time: 12:30PM – 3:00PM</p> <p>Upcoming: May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug.15, Sept.19, Oct.17, Nov. 21, Dec.19, 2010</p> <p>Location: Burma Restaurant 740 6th St. NW 2nd Floor Washington, DC 20001</p>
<p>CHAI Women's Wellness Group CHAI Invites South Asian Women to a dynamic and confidential group. Topics include relationships, family, women's roles, career, marriage, anger and conflict resolution, taboos & secrets, and other topics relevant to South Asian women.</p>	<p>Counselors Helping (South) Asians, Inc, (CHAI) www.chaicounselors.org</p>	<p>Phone: 443-615-1355 Fax: Email: raziakosi@chaicounselors.org</p>	<p>Sundays :April 18th, 25th, May 2nd</p> <p>Time: 3-4:30pm</p> <p>Location: Maryland Non Profits – 8720 Georgia Ave. Ste. 303 Silver Spring, MD 20910 Red Line Metro Silver Spring stop</p>
<p>AARP International Affairs Department presents an Idea Exchange: "Growing Old Before Growing Rich: The Implications of Rapid Population Aging in China"</p> <p>Presentations and Q&A followed by buffet lunch</p> <p>Speakers: Richard Jackson, Director of the Global Aging Initiative at the Center for Strategic and International Studies Wang Xiao Yan, Director, Community Alliance</p>	AARP	<p>ddancr88@brandeis.edu</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 20</p> <p>Time: 9:30-1:00 PM</p> <p>Location: AARP Brickfield Center</p>

<p>Program Description: This topic of this Idea Exchange will be the long run implications of demographic change in China and what it means for China's place in the world as well as what it means for the US. Through the remarks and discussion, we want to address the coming labor shortage, gender imbalance, and other impacts of aging in China.</p> <p>Mr. Jackson will give long-term overview and economic outlook, retirement security. Will talk about demographics thrown into reverse and the old-age dependency ration. Will set up the challenge of demographic change and unmet needs (pension problem just tip of iceberg).</p> <p>Ms. Wang will then speak about the specifics that challenge: eldercare, LTC, HCBC, changing family/social structures, specific gov't policies, etc.</p>			
<p>National Japanese Memorial Foundation April Reception honoring the Navajo Code Talkers</p>	<p>National Japanese American Memorial Foundation</p> <p>www.njamf.com</p>	<p>Kris Ikejiri, Interim Executive Director</p> <p>Phone: 202-530-0015 Fax: 202-463-8998 Email: info@njam.org</p>	<p>Monday, April 26, 2010</p> <p>Time: 6:30 – 8:30pm</p> <p>Location: National Museum of the American Indian 4th and Independence Aves., SW</p>
<p>Happy Hour at Eye Bar! Our happy hour will benefit MVMA's (Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association) GAPS (Golden Age Project for Seniors) program http://www.mdvietmutu, a program which helps seniors navigate resources provided by the government. MVMA's mission overall is to serve, support, and advance the Vietnamese American community. Suggested \$5 or \$10 donation. DJ Saam will be spinning loungey groovy beats for us. Our happy hours typically bring out 150 - 200 folks... and I wouldn't be surprised with a similar turnout this time around. <u>Please note 80% of donations go to the MVMA and 20% of donations will go to the 20s & 30s Asian Going Out Group to cover Meetup fees and expenses.</u></p>	<p>20s and 30s Asian group</p>	<p>20sand30sasiangroup.com</p>	<p>Thursday, May 6</p> <p>Time: 6pm</p> <p>Location: Eyebar 1716 I Street NW, DC Farragut West Metro</p>
<p>THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ALOHA A cultural presentation featuring the music & dances of Hawai'i & Samoa</p> <p>Enjoy pre-show Hawaiian music, local hors d'oeuvres, raffle & silent auction</p>	<p>Halau O 'Aulani www.halauoaulani.org</p>	<p>Shirley Queja 301-919-7905 squeja@halauoaulani.org or halauoaulani@yahoo.com</p> <p>Admission by ticket only. Discounted early bird tickets available before March 1.</p>	<p>Saturday, May 8, 2010</p> <p>Time: 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. Performance</p> <p>Location: Thomas Jefferson Theatre 125 S. Old Glebe Road Arlington, VA 22204</p>
<p>Get a Free Hepatitis B Vaccination Fortunately, HBV can be prevented with a very safe and effective vaccine. The Hepatitis B vaccine series is usually given as 3 shots during a 6-month period. The entire series is needed for long-term</p>	<p>Dr.Mark-Li Chinese American Medical Society</p> <p>Chinatown Service Center</p>	<p>Lisa Ma: 202-898-0061 coordinator@chinatownscdc.org</p>	<p>Sunday, May 10, 2010</p> <p>Time: 12:30-3pm</p>

protection.	Hepatitis B Initiative of Washington, DC	Jane Pan 571-274-0021 j.pan@hepbinitiative.org	Location: Chinese Community Church 500 I (Eye) Street, NW
APAICS REMINDS YOU TO SAVE THE DATE for our 16 TH Annual Gala Dinner	Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS)	www.apaics.org	Tuesday, May 11, 2010 JW Marriott Hotel Washington, DC
THE DC Children and youth with Special Health Care Needs Symposium SAVE THE DATE: May 19th! We need your knowledge and care to improve services for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) and their families in the District of Columbia! Join other healthcare providers, families nad youth, and DC agency staff for a one-day symposium to: learn what families and your colleagues have told us about how to improve the system; helap shape the DC plan for serving CYSHCN; create action teams to make a difference in DC!	DC Department of Health	Syreeta Elie: sme27@georgetown.edu or call (202) 687-8807	Wednesday, May 19th Location: L'Enfant Plaza Hotel 480 L'Enfant Plaza SW Washington, DC 20024-2253 (202) 554-0478 www.lenfantplazahotel.com Metro accessible from yellow/green and blue/orange lines Breakfast + lunch will be served

ONGOING EVENT OR COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- H1N1 Flu**

You and the H1N1 flu vaccine. 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine is given in two ways.

- English version http://www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/2009-10/pdf/h1n1_safety_flyer.pdf
- Spanish Version http://www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/2009-10/pdf/h1n1_safety_flyer_sp.pdf

We encourage you to visit Flu.gov for [more free resources](#) and [one-page handouts](#) available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, French, German, Italian, Korean, Russian, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

- ANNOUNCEMENT:**

- DDOT Launches Pay By Phone Parking Meter Pilot-** Cashless Payment Service Will Begin April 12

Highlights:

- * Mobile technology offers users convenient way to pay for parking
- * Program will be tested in 3 downtown areas
- * Motorists urged to sign up for FREE account

(Washington, DC) –There's a new way to pay for parking in the District, and all you need is a mobile phone. The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) today launched a Pay by Phone pilot program that will eliminate the need to carry change for the meters or run back to your car to add more time. This cashless payment option will be offered at 700 parking spaces in three areas: Dupont Circle, Union Station, and downtown on K Street, I Street, and New York Avenue, NW.

"This service will greatly improve the parking experience for many of our residents, because it's so simple to use," said DDOT Director Gabe Klein. "No one likes to carry a lot of change, but almost everyone has a cell phone, and all it takes is one call to pay for a meter."

DDOT will begin operating the service on April 12, but motorists can sign up today at [paybyphone.com](http://www.paybyphone.com) <<http://www.paybyphone.com/>> or by calling 1-888-510-PARK (7275). Drivers will need to provide their mobile phone number, license plate and credit card number.

Once they are signed up with a free pay by phone account, users just follow these simple steps to make a payment:

1. Call the toll free number from their mobile phone
2. Enter the location number that is posted on the meter or nearby signs
3. Enter the parking time desired.

The appropriate total will be charged to their credit card. A history of transactions is viewable any time the user logs into their account.

When paying by phone, motorists may also select the option to receive a text message reminder minutes before their time expires and can also call back to add additional parking time remotely from any phone, provided they won't exceed the parking time limit. That feature greatly reduces the chance of a parking violation.

"Pay by phone service is an important part of our commitment – spelled out in our 2-year Action Agenda – to find innovative solutions to update our outdated inventory of parking meters," said Director Klein. "We are going to take advantage of the most cutting-edge technology to improve the parking experience city-wide."

DDOT has already installed multi-space meters throughout commercial corridors in the District replacing many old and non-functioning single space meters. Also, the department is currently testing solar-powered single space meters that take credit cards as well as coins.

The District's pay by phone pilot service will be provided by Verrus Mobile Technologies, Inc.

"We're excited to be launching Pay by Phone in the DC area," said Verrus Co-Founder, David Spittel. "Our service takes the pain and hassle out of everyday parking, and once registered, motorists can use their Verrus account in the 100-plus cities we service as well."

More Information About Pay By Phone

How Does It Work?

Pay by phone parking is convenient, easy and safe. Here's how it work:

1. Call 1-888-510-7275 (PARK)
2. Enter Location # (posted on parking meters)
3. Enter Number of Minutes

How Do I Sign Up?

First time users simply need to set up a FREE account. You can do this by calling 1-888-380-7275 (PARK) or online at [paybyphone.com](http://www.paybyphone.com) <<http://www.paybyphone.com/>> . To set up an account you will need:

- **The \$100,000 Business Plan Competition Kick-Off Event**

(Washington, DC) - The Office of the Deputy Mayor and the Washington, DC Economic Partnership (WDCEP) in collaboration with Advantage Capital Partners and Enhanced Capital Partners will kick off its \$100,000 Business Plan Competition on April 6 from 6:00-8:00pm at the Washington, DC Economic Partnership's office located at 1495 F Street, NW.

In its second year, this competition will award \$100,000 of investment capital through the District's Certified Capital Companies ("CAPCO") Program to one winner. In addition to the investment capital, the winner will also receive \$10,000 worth of legal consultation from Venable LLP.

"The goal of this year's business plan competition is to encourage entrepreneurship, innovation, and job creation within the District," said Valerie-Joy Santos, Deputy Mayor for planning and economic development for the District of Columbia and co-chair of the Washington, DC Economic Partnership. "The District offers a unique competitive advantage for businesses that leverage proximity to the federal government."

"Through the CAPCO Program, the District has developed an effective way to bring venture capital to businesses that are further along the risk curve than banks traditionally serve," said Ben Dupuy, President of the DC Coalition for Capital and Partner at The Cypress Group. "The Business Plan Competition is an exciting way to make entrepreneurs aware of the District's small business venture capital program."

"DC is the perfect place to start a technology or green energy company given its proximity to public and private capital and the commitment of the DC government," said Mac Brown, CEO of GreenlightAC, a CAPCO investment which provides electric car charging stations.

The competition's qualifying process includes a written application and finalists will be asked to present their plan before a panel of judges. Evaluation of the plans will focus on the business's strengths in four areas: management team, financials, competitive opportunity and the extent to which the business capitalizes on the District's unique status as home to the federal government.

The competition is open to new or existing businesses, with preference given to those that capitalize on opportunities created by the District's proximity to the federal government. The competition welcomes eligible applicants worldwide, though establishment of a District location by August 28, 2010 is required.

Businesses are encouraged to [apply online](#). Completed applications should be submitted to the Washington, DC Economic Partnership (1495 F Street, NW, Washington DC, 20004) by **June 10, 2010**.

About the District's CAPCO Program

The District's Certified Capital Company (CAPCO) Program is a successful effort by the District of Columbia to increase private-sector venture capital investment in new or expanding small businesses. The CAPCO model combines private-sector expertise in identifying, evaluating, and financing businesses with the District's interest in access to capital for small businesses and a stronger local economy. The District's CAPCO investment funds – which are managed by professional venture capitalists – stimulate the creation of jobs and provide an incentive to retain, expand, and attract a wide range of businesses. Since the enactment of the District's CAPCO Program, over \$25 million in investment capital had been deployed into District small businesses. To learn more about the District's CAPCO Program, go to dccapco.com.

- **Multicultural Community Service (MCS) Community Interpreter Training Program.** Are you bilingual? Do you interpret or translate for family or friends? Do you already have interpreting skills and want to make it your profession? If so, this program is for you! Topics that are covered in the classes: types of interpretation, including telephonic interpretation; short-term memory development drills and public speaking skills; ethics of interpreting: national codes of ethics; interpreting skills: preparation, introduction, disclosure, accuracy, completeness, register, intervention, clarification, closing and reporting; how culture influences communication; role playing, small group exercises, and case studies; not taking training session. The Training Program includes: 60-hour intensive interpreter training program; a required 10-hour assigned internship to build on learned skills with the guidance of a master interpreter; certificate of completion for 70 hours of the Community Interpreter Training Program; Benefit of referrals by the MCS Language Service Program and freelancing opportunities. Trainings are from May 17-June 17, 3 nights per week with one Saturday session, 5:30-9:00pm in DC (TBD). To apply: Request an application form by contacting Rosa Carrillo at (202) 299-9477 or rcarrillo@mcsdc.org; Email your resume to Rosa Carrillo at rcarrillo@mcsdc.org or fax to (202) 299-9207. For more info, visit www.mcsdc.org
- **Life Guard Academy and Life Guard Training.** Requirements: 16 years of age (f/male); 300 yard swim *12 laps) of freestyle and breaststroke; swim 20 yards front crawl or breaststroke and surface dive 10 feet to retrieve a 10 pound brick and then return it back 20 yards with both hands on the brick in one minute and forty seconds; if you are not strong with your skills the Academy Instructor will work with participants to strengthen swimming skills. What you

will learn: American Red Cross training makes learning fun and easy by hands-on classroom learning and practical practice, you'll learn: surveillance skills to help you recognize and prevent injuries; rescue skills in water and on land; first aid training and professional rescuer CPR – help you prepare for any emergency; Professional lifeguard responsibilities like interacting with the public and addressing uncooperative patrons. **Once you pass the Lifeguard Academy:** register with the Department of Parks & Recreation for a Lifeguarding Certification course offered free throughout the Washington DC area until April 15, 2010 Go to website: dpr.dc.gov

If you have any questions contact (202) 673-7647 **Applicant Requirements for DPR Summer Employment Positions:** Applicants must be 16 years of age (15 years for lifeguards) or older. For Camp Riverview (residential camp), applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Pay ranges between \$800 - \$1,000 monthly You will be required to submit a copy of your government or school/university/college photo identification card. All positions require a criminal background check in accordance with the Child Youth and Safety Omnibus Act before an offer of employment can be made. Positions are subject to drug and alcohol testing.

- The **Asian Pacific American Connections program at the 2010 Smithsonian Folklife Festival** will focus on what it means to be a person of Asian descent living in the United States today and examine strategies for adaptation. If you want to learn more about the program , please click on: http://www.festival.si.edu/2010/apa/asian_pacific_american_connections.aspx
- **Chinatown Community Cultural Center (CCCC) Classes/workshops:** Free Children's Kung Fu Lessons provided by Wong People. Sundays at 3pm, and Tuesdays and Thursday s at 7pm. CCCC also offers classes in Tai Chi, Kung Fu, Chinese Brush Painting, ESL, Basic Computing, Chinese Language, Gu-Zheng, Chinese Calligraphy and more! For more information check out their website at www.ccccdc.org.

EMPLOYMENT of VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Employment opportunities with the District of Columbia Government can be found [here](#).**
- **Census Jobs**
To find jobs with the United States Census 2010 call the toll free number 1-866-861-2010
Good pay. Temporary, part-time jobs, Flexible hours, up to 40 hours a week, Mileage reimbursement (for field jobs).
- **2010 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) – www.summerjobs.dc.gov** – Applicants must be 14-21 years old, DC residents, and eligible to work in the U.S.
- **JACL ACCEPTS MASAOKA FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS** Washington, D.C. -- The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is currently accepting applications from candidates who are interested in the Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship, which is a JACL program where a student learns first hand about public policy. The Masaoka fellow serves in the Washington, D.C. office of a U.S. Senator or a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Masaoka fellow will receive a stipend to cover living expenses plus roundtrip airfare from the fellow's home to Washington, D.C. The fellowship period will be for six to eight months. The exact dates will be worked out with the schedule of the selected fellow, the Congressional office, and the Washington, D.C. office of the JACL.

Any students who are college seniors or currently in a graduate or professional program who are also United States citizens are encouraged to apply for the Masaoka Fellowship. Preference will be given to those who have demonstrated a commitment to Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) issues, particularly those affecting the Japanese American community. Membership in the JACL is required. Past JACL participation and leadership are considered in the judging. Student/youth memberships in the JACL may be obtained for \$25 a year.

The JACL established the Masaoka Fellowship Fund in 1988 to honor Mike M. Masaoka (1915-1991) for a lifetime of outstanding public service in promoting justice, civil rights, and human dignity. The purpose of the fund is to develop leaders for public service by providing opportunities for the Fellows to work for a member of Congress. The program was administered by Dr. Tom Tamaki for twenty years and is now handled by the JACL Washington, D.C. office.

The fellow's assignments include a variety of tasks where he/she will be exposed to all facets of the work of the Representative or Senator and his/her staff. The fellow should also maintain close contact with the Washington, D.C. JACL office and become involved with the DC JACL Chapter while serving the fellowship in Washington, D.C.

As noted on the JACL website, the deadline for applications to be received by the JACL for the 2010 JACL Masaoka Fellowship is **April 15, 2010**. The chosen applicant will be announced by June 1, 2010. Interested persons should visit the JACL website at www.jacl.org for more information, details, and an application form. Completed application materials may be sent via email to policy@jacl.org or by fax to the JACL Washington, D.C. office at 202-296-8082.

- **Medical Escorts/Translators for Chinese seniors needed**- The Emmaus Services for the Aging Asian and Pacific Islander Senior Center located in Chinatown is looking for bilingual speakers to accompany seniors with limited English ability to their medical appointments in the DC area. We are looking for translators who can speak Mandarin or Cantonese. Volunteers will be compensated \$20 for each trip. If interested, please email Cecilia Ng at cng@emmausservices.org or call 202-842-2559. Thank you for your interest and support!
- **APAICS 2010-2011 FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS**
Washington, D.C. -- The Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) announced that Fellowship applications are available on their Website: www.apaics.org. The APAICS Fellows are the Anheuser-Busch/Congressman Frank Horton Fellow, the Wal-Mart Stores, Inc./Governor George R. Ariyoshi Fellow and the National Association of Realtors (NAR) Fellow. The latter fellowship is for a post graduate and requires that the person has included in their class studies any housing policies, urban planning, mortgages, etc. **The deadline for all fellowships is April 30, 2010.**

The nine-month program provides an opportunity for APAICS Fellows to be placed in either the Executive or Legislative Branches of government as well as federal agencies, or a non-profit organization in the Washington area. The fellows will be assigned specific projects in their placement offices. The NAR Fellow will be placed in an office that specifically has some housing issues which he/she will have an opportunity to work on. As in the past, NAR advisors and Realtor members will work closely with the NAR Fellow on specific projects and may join with other NAR Fellows from the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) and the Congressional Hispanic Institute Caucus (CHCI) in developing a public policy brief.

The current APAICS Fellows are assigned as follows: Meina Banh/Congressman Mike Honda; Anna Chu/Democratic Caucus; and Collin Siu/Congressman Al Green. Both Banh and Siu are working with members of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC). The current chair is Congressman Mike Honda.

"The APAICS Fellowship Program is an excellent opportunity for API young leaders to gain insight into congressional processes. Not only is it a great way to network, one gets to work on relevant policy issues," said APAICS 2009-2010 Fellow Meina Banh. (Pictured here with Congressman Honda.)

About APAICS

APAICS was founded in 1994 and is a 501 (c)(3), non-profit, non-partisan, educational organization based in Washington, D.C., that seeks to build a politically empowered Asian Pacific American (APA) community to fill the political pipeline for APAs to enter and advance into elected office. APAICS is also a resource to Congress about the APA community.

- **Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs Seeks Fall & Winter Interns**

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) is seeking motivated individuals interested in public service and the Asian Pacific Islander (API) community. Interns will gain valuable experience by working on projects serving the needs of the API communities and organizations in the District and will acquire vast knowledge about the District's various government agencies and functions. The interns will receive a worthwhile opportunity to grow, cultivate new ideas, and play a contributing role in District activities!

Language Access Intern - The intern will focus on language access related work in the office and issues affecting the Asian and Pacific Islander communities. OAPIA is tasked with providing technical assistance to over 25 District Agencies on language access. The intern will assist the Language Access Coordinator in implementing the Act. Some of the duties of the intern will include conducting an assessment of agency frontline centers, research best practices by

municipal governments in providing linguistically and culturally appropriate services to the Asian and Pacific Islander community and further develop a network of governments, and creating reference manuals for District agencies on the API community.

Outreach Intern - The intern will work closely with the Outreach Team in serving the API population in the District. Duties include 1) assisting outreach coordinators with different outreach projects and activities; 2) visiting community based organizations, residents, and business owners; 3) providing case assistance to District residents & merchants, 4) occasional simple translations; and 5) handling administrative tasks. Being bilingual in English and Korean, Vietnamese, Mandarin, or Cantonese are required.

Qualifications

Applicants should be undergraduate or graduate students who possess strong written and oral communication skills as well as organizational abilities. They must be flexible and willing to take initiative. Strong computer and research skills are also desired. The intern should be able to work a minimum of 10 weeks for at least 20 hours per week. Most importantly, applicants must be able to work with diverse populations.

To apply, please email a resume, cover letter detailing your suitability for the position, and contact information to:

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